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1. FIGHTING ERUPTED AMONG STUDENTS JAN. 10 AT AEGEAN UNIVERSITY ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY FOLLOWING STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS. ONE STUDENT CRITICALLY INJURED AND, ACCORDING PRESS, AROUND 80 YOUTHS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. LEFTIST STUDENT TOLD AMCONGEN FSL THAT RADICALLY-INCLINED LEFTISTS ELECTED AND PREDICTED CONSEQUENTIAL INTENSIFICATION OF RIGHTIST VIOLENCE.
2. OTHER RECENT INCIDENTS IN IZMIR AND CONSULAR DISTRICT INCLUDE

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A. RIGHT-LEFT STUDENT CLASH DECEMBER 28 AT MANISA ON LISANS, TWO STUDENTS INJURED INCLUDING SON OF PROVINCIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.

B. RIGHT-LEFT STUDENT CLASH DEC. 28 AT BALIKESIR TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL, TWO STUDENTS INJURED. SOME 300 STUDENTS REPORTEDLY MARCHED TO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO REQUEST BETTER SECURITY.

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C. NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOOT-UP OF IZMIR SUBURBAN (INCIRALTI) RESTAURANT, WHICH BECAUSE OF PRESENCE OF SEVERAL IZMIR NOTABLES HAS HAD SPECIAL IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITY, WHO TEND INTERPRET INCIDENT AS EVIDENCE OF LEFTIST RADICAL DOMINATION OF INCIRALTI DORMITORIES. SEVERAL YOUTHS FROM NEARBY AU DORMITORIES BROKE INTO RESTAURANT ARMED WITH PISTOL(S) AFTER EARLIER HAVING BEEN DENIED ADMISSION, SHOT OUT WINDOWS, THREATENED CUSTOMERS,

UTTERED ANTI-BOURGEOISE EPITHETS, AND OUTSIDE DAMAGED SEVERAL CARS. RESTAURANT OWNER TOLD POLICE AND PRESS STUDENTS WERE LEFTISTS WHO HAD BEEN HARASSING HIM SINCE OCTOBER; HE PROVIDED PHOTO OF SEVERAL SITTING AROUND A SMALL FLAG BEARING STAR AND HAMMER AND SICKLE, AND HE IDENTIFIED THREE AS HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE INCIDENT. THE THREE STUDENTS TOLD

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REPORTERS FLAG WAS JOKE AND DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEC. 31 INCIDENT.

D. ON JAN. 3 CAR BEARING AYDIN RPP PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT (UMIT DIRIK), PROVINCIAL YOUTH PRESIDENT (GALIP SILIP), AND OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS WAS STOPPED EN ROUTE TO ADVERTISED RPP MEETING BY ROCKS ON HIGHWAY. AS THEY SOUGHT REMOVE ROADBLOCK, THEY WERE FIRED UPON AND ONE CAR OCCUPANT WAS REPORTEDLY INJURED. PARTY OF AYDIN, IZMIR AND MANISA RPP DEPUTIES CAME FROM ANKARA TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT; THEIR SPOKESMAN, COSKUN KARAGOZUGLU, SAID ON JAN. 9 THIS WAS "NO ORDINARY INCIDENT" AND , WITHOUT EXPLICITLY IDENTIFYING THOSE RESPONSIBLE, INDICATED ATTACK WAS PART OF COORDINATED NATION-WIDE PROGRAM OF ATTACKS. (INTERESTINGLY, ONLY LEFTIST DEMOKRAT IZMIR HAS REPORTED INCIDENT AND RPP INVESTIGATION.)

E. RIGHT-LEFT STUDENT CLASH AT ESREFPASA LYCEE IN IZMIR JAN. 5 REPORTEDLY INITIATED BY SOME 20 ARMED RIGHTISTS, WHO HAD EARLIER BEEN SEEKING PROPAGANDIZE STUDENTS. TWO STUDENTS INJURED, ONE HOSPITALIZED. POLICE ON JAN. 9 ARRESTED "ULKU" MEMBER.

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F. RIGHT-LEFT STUDENT CLASH JAN. 7 IN AYDIN ON LISANS, THREE

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STUDENTS INJURED, SEVEN APPREHENDED.

G. AT ALIAGA (SITE OF IZMIR REFINERY) COFFEE-SHOP JAN. 9 GROUP OF ARMED ALLEGED COMMANDOS THREATENED WHAT WERE DESCRIBED AS RPP PARTISANS, FOR READING "LEFTIST NEWSPAPERS." INTRUDERS INJURED TWO PERSONS WHO REFUSED ACCEPT POLITICAL MANIFESTO RIGHTISTS WERE DISTRIBUTING.

H. ON JAN. 10 FOUR WORKERS EN ROUTE TO THEIR JOBS AT IZMIR REFINERY (IN ALIAGA) WERE REPORTEDLY ATTACKED BY 20 OTHERS. TWO PERSONS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

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